

Extreme heat events guidelines: Technical guide for health care workers

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Abstract:

Extreme heat events (EHEs), more commonly known as heat waves, have affected health and resulted in a significant number of preventable deaths in recent years.... Experts believe that climate change will significantly impact the frequency, duration and intensity of EHEs, resulting in an increased incidence of heat-related illness and fatality in Canada.... As a result, decision makers need to make a concerted effort to address and adapt to these increased risks in order to protect populations considered at risk. The goal of the Health Canada Heat Resiliency Project is to facilitate these adaptations in particular at a local and regional level. The information within the Guidelines has been written with the goal that health care workers can adapt it for the needs of the populations they serve. -- Excerpted text.

Source:

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/alt_formats/pdf/pubs/climat/workers-guide-travailleurs/extreme-heat-chaleur-accablante-eng.pdf

Resource Description

Communication:

resource focus on research or methods on how to communicate or frame issues on climate change; surveys of attitudes, knowledge, beliefs about climate change

A focus of content

Communication Audience:

audience to whom the resource is directed

Health Professional, Public

Exposure :

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Temperature

Temperature: Extreme Heat

Geographic Feature:

resource focuses on specific type of geography

None or Unspecified

Geographic Location:

resource focuses on specific location

Non-United States

Non-United States: Non-U.S. North America

Health Impact:

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

Climate Change and Human Health Literature Portal

Injury, Other Health Impact

Other Health Impact: heat related morbidity and mortality

Intervention: 

strategy to prepare for or reduce the impact of climate change on health

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Medical Community Engagement: 

resource focus on how the medical community discusses or acts to address health impacts of climate change

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Mitigation/Adaptation: 

mitigation or adaptation strategy is a focus of resource

Adaptation

Resource Type: 

format or standard characteristic of resource

Review

Resilience: 

capacity of an individual, community, or institution to dynamically and effectively respond or adapt to shifting climate impact circumstances while continuing to function

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Timescale: 

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified

Vulnerability/Impact Assessment: 

resource focus on process of identifying, quantifying, and prioritizing vulnerabilities in a system

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